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Application No. 09/659,490
Docket No. 45900-000482

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$930.00 extension fee herewith.

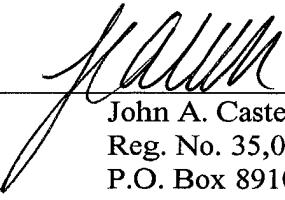
In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact John A. Castellano (Reg. No. 35,094) at (703) 668-8029 to conduct a telephonic or personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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